

PROPHETS

Community Group Discussion Guide

June 12, 2016

The Glory of God | Ezekiel 1:1-28

QUESTIONS FOR STUDY | Before you begin, read Ezekiel 1:1-28

1. Ezekiel 1:1-28 contains some bizarre aspects. When you read something like this in Scripture, what is going through your mind? Explain.
2. Re-read verse 28. How does this verse provide focus and help us understand what this chapter is talking about?
3. In his book *Yawning at Tigers*, author Drew Dyck says the following:

“...for the most part we neither tremble in fear nor thrill with excitement at the prospect of encountering this wild diety [i.e., the God of the Bible]...Even when we see evidence of God in our midst, when we glimpse his holiness, we’re more likely to yawn than to yell. **Somehow we’ve succeeded in making the strange ordinary.** We walk by tigers without looking twice. Why are we so anesthetized? What’s behind our lack of reverence, fear, and awe? I think it’s simple. **We’ve forgotten how big God is.**”

(Drew Dyck, *Yawning Tigers*, pp.5-6)

React to this quote. Why is it easy to forget (or for some, to simply not know) how big God is? Why is it important to *remember* how big God is?

4. Ezekiel 1 teaches us a number of things about who God is: (1) God is sovereign, (2) God is all-knowing and present everywhere, (3) God is holy, and (4) God is faithful and full of grace. Choose one or two of these descriptions of God, and share how Ezekiel 1 reinforces this attribute.
5. Look at these attributes of God from Question #4 again. Why is it important to remember that God is ALL of these things? (In other words, what is at risk if we only emphasize one or two truths about God, and neglect other important attributes?)
6. Look at verse 28 again. How does Ezekiel respond to this vision of God? What does his response teach US about how to respond to God?
7. An encounter with God should drive us to worship and humility. Explain what this means, and HOW encountering God should do this.
8. Only with God in *His* rightful place will we be in the right place to live as God designed. Explain how Ezekiel 1 develops this statement.
9. What practical steps can you take to maintain a God-centered view of life? How can you cultivate a response of worship and humility this coming week?



This week's readings
(June 13-19)

Mon - Ezekiel 16-17

Tues - Ezekiel 18-20

Wed - Ezekiel 21-22

Thurs - Ezekiel 23-24

Fri - Ezekiel 25-27

Sat - Ezekiel 28-30

Sun - Ezekiel 31-33